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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR

REF: A. CAIRO 14017, B. TOKYO 9686

1. "FIVE TO TEN YEAR PERIOD" CITED BY EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR (REF B) CAME UP IN SECRETARY'S CONVERSATION WITH FOREIGN MINISTER SODA. CONTEXT IN WHICH REMARK MADE INDICATES SECRETARY WAS NOT REPEAT NOT ATTEMPTING TO SPEAK TO PRECISE TIME FRAME FOR NEGOTIATIONS BUT RATHER MAKING ILLUSTRATIVE GENERAL COMMENT OF LENGTH OF TIME IT MIGHT TAKE FOR ALL ASPECTS OF ARAB-ISRAEL CONFLICT TO BE RESOLVED IN TERMS OF FULL IMPLEMENTATION OF PEACE AGREEMENTS.

2. SHOULD QUESTION ARISE, YOU SHOULD MAKE FOLLOWING POINTS:

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--THE SECRETARY DID NOT MEAN TO SUGGEST IT WILL TAKE FIVE-TEN YEARS BEFORE MIDDLE EAST PEACE AGREEMENT IS REACHED.

--BY MENTIONING A PERIOD AS LONG AS TEN YEARS, SECRETARY WAS SUGGESTING THAT THE RESOLUTION OF ALL RELATED PROBLEMS IN THE BROADER MIDDLE EAST AREA AND A NECESSARY ACCOMMODA-

TION TO THE NEW SITUATION OF PEACE, PARTICULARLY ON THE
PART OF MORE RADICAL ARAB STATES, COULD REQUIRE ILLUS-
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